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MINUTES.

The introductory sermon was delivered by James S. Mims, from Matthew 9. 9. "Follow me."

After the lapse of a few minutes, the Convention was called to order by T. Meredith, first Vice President, A. Dockery, the President, having not yet arrived, and the session was opened with prayer by S. Wait.

Appointed D. S. Williams and G. W. Thompson a committee to select preachers for the stage during the session of the Convention.

Appointed C. McAllister, S. Mims, and R. T. Saunders a committee of Finance.

Communications and contributions were received from the different churches, societies, &c. [see page 8.]

Proceeded to the election of officers,—result as follows:

ALFRED DOCKERY, President.

THOMAS MEREDITH,
JOSEPH B. OUTLAW,
SAMUEL WAIT, } Vice Presidents.

WILLIAM H. JORDAN, Cor. Secretary.
JAMES MCDANIEL, Rec. Secretary.
AMOS J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

Invited Corresponding and Visiting brethren to a seat—J. W. D. Creath from the General Association of Virginia, and E. Davis accepted the invitation.

Appointed the following committees—On Foreign Missions, T. Meredith, C. McAllister and J. W. Hackney; On Home Missions, S. Wait, D. Justice, and R. Jacks; on Periodicals, S. E. Gardiner, J. S. Mims, and G. Fennel; on Agency, A. J. Battle, R. T. Saunders, and D. Thames; on Tracts, A. P. Repiton, A. B. Stephens, and R. McNabb; on nomination of Missionaries and field of labor, T. Meredith, J. Fooshee, and C. W. Skinner; on Temperance, R. McNabb, N. Bryan, and C. Carroll; on the nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest Institute, J. J. Finch, A. J. Battle, and S. Mims; on Sabbath Schools, M. D. Freeman, G. W. Thompson and C. Fooshee; on Wake Forest Institute, J. J.

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Finch, A. J. Battle, and S. Mims; on Treasurer's account, Z. Slade, W. Potter, and S. E. Gardiner; on nomination of Board of Managers, W. J. Finley, J. Fooshee, and C. McAllister.

Resolved, That the Committee give place to the Bible Society to hold a session to-morrow, commencing at half past one o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. J. Finch.

Saturday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by W. Potter. Appointed the next sesssion of this Convention to be at Grassy Creek, Granville county, on Friday before the first Lord's day in Nov. 1839. J. McDaniel to preach the Introductory sermon. J. J. Finch to preach the sermon in behalf of the Convention on Sabbath at next session.

Appointed the Rec. Secretary to address a letter for this Convention to the Hepzibah church in Wake County, informing them of the pleasure with which the Convention received their invitation for the next session, and of the reasons why it was given to Grassey Creek; and informing them also,that should they see fit to renew the invitation at the next Convention, they will succeed in obtaining the following session.

Report of the Board was called for, presented, read, accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Agreed to have the report of the Board read to-morrow at the stage, prior to taking up a collection.

Suspended business to hear the sermon to be delivered before the Convention by W. H. Jordan. Prayer by W. J. Finley.

The sermon was founded on Ephes. 3. 8. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Half-past 2 *o'clock.*

Met immediately at the close of the session of the Bible Society.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to E. Phillips $60; to G. Douglas, $185; to R. Jacks, $270; to R. McNabb, $350, for services rendered as Missionaries of the Convention.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith $65 for printing Minutes of last year.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. Creath.

Sabbath.

The first sermon was delivered by J. J. Finch, on 1. Cor. 9. 12. "If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather

Nevertheless, we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ."

The second sermon was delivered by S. Wait, on 2. Tim. 1. 7. "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." After which, the Report of the Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and a collection was taken up in aid of the objects of the Convention.

The third sermon was delivered by J. W. D. Creath, on Judges 3. 20. "And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee."

Monday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Repiton.

Committee on the Board of Managers reported; report accepted, and ordered to be appended to these Minutes.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Tracts reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Home Missions reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the nomination of Missionaries and the specification of their fields of labour, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Agreed to employ T. Mason for one year as missionary.

Agreed to employ R. Jacks for one year as missionary.

Agreed to employ G. Douglass for six months as missionary.

Agreed to employ R. McNabb for one year as missionary.

Appointed A. J. Battle, H. Austin, and P. P. Lawrence a committee to aid bro. Mason in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed G. Fennel, G. W. Hufham, and W. J. Finley a committee to aid bro. Jacks in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed C. Graves, T. Oldham, and A. Howard a committee to aid bro. McNabb in the arrangement of his circuit.

Appointed Wm. and J. Hanes a committee to aid bro. Douglass in the arrangement of his circuit.

Ordered that the Corresponding Secretary inform the above named Committees of their appointment.

Agreed that the Missionaries form auxiliary societies, and take up collections when, and where deemed expedient.

Committee on the nomination of persons out of whom vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Wake Forest Institute might be filled,

reported. Report accepted, and handed over to the Board of Trustees.

Committee on the Wake Forest Institute reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the expediency of establishing a Female Seminary of a high order in some central part of this State, reported. Report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed delegates to the following bodies, viz: To the General Association of Virginia, Nathaniel J. Palmer, D. S. Williams, William Potter, William H. Jordan, and Amos J. Battle; to the South Carolina Convention, Josiah J. Finch, James S. Mims, and A. P. Repiton; to the Home Mission Society in New-York, Henry Austin, Thomas Meredith, and Amos J. Battle.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be required to address a Circular to the ministers individually in this State, who are supposed to be friendly to the objects of this Convention, respectfully, but earnestly soliciting them to use their influence before their churches and congregations in behalf of the objects of the Convention; and at least once during the year, (and as often as they may deem it expedient,) to preach a sermon especially setting forth these objects.

Appointed Meredith, Jordan, Wait, Battle, and J. B. Outlaw a committee on the further movements in relation to the Female Seminary.

Committee on Sabbath schools reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered that there be 1,500 copies of these Minutes printed by T. Meredith, and distributed as heretofore.

Resolved, that S. Wait be requested to act as Agent of one year for this Convention.

Resolved, (unanimously,) That the thanks of this body be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity, and *especially* to bro. D. S. Williams for his very *peculiar* attention to the accommodation of the Convention during the present session.

Adjourned to half-past six, this evening.

Prayer by E. Davis.

Half-past six o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. McDaniel.

Committee to audit the Treasurer's account, reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Treasurer reported. Report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the Treasurer forthwith transmit $300, with interest, to the Treasurer of the General Convention for Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to time and place above specified.

Valedictory address and prayer by S. Wait.

EEPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board of managers held a session immediately on the adjournment of the Convention; at which time the following business was done.

Agreed to sustain brother Johnson, the beneficiary of this Convention, the ensuing year, at the Wake Forest Institute.

Agreed that the next meeting of the Board be at the Wake Forest Institute, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in July, 1839.

Adjourned to specified time and place.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Counties.	Churches and Societies.	Delegates.	P. Offices.
Wake,	Wake Forest,	S. Wait, T. Meredith, and G. Ryan,	Wake Forest
	Wake Liberty,	D. Justice,	Wake Forest
	Hepzibah,	S. Terrell	Eagle Rock.
	Rolesville,	J. Purify,	Rolesville.
Chatham,	Reaves' Chapel,		Emmerson's.
	Rock Spring,	G. W. Thompson,	Pittsboro.
	May's Chapel, Female Society	J. Fooshee, N. Bryan, S. Gilmore,* J. Gilmore.*	Pittsboro.
	Mineral Spring,	Chas. Fooshee,	
	Sandy Cr'k Ass'n.	M. D. Freeman, W. H. Merritt,* and A. Bynum,	Pittsboro.
	Mount Giliad,	J. W. Hackney,	Hackney's.
Cumber'd.	Cape Fear Asso.	S. Mims, J. McDaniel, J. S Mims, D. Thomas, A. B. Stephens,	Fayetteville.
	Fayetteville Female Miss. So.	T. Mason,* T. McDaniel,	Fayetteville.
	Cape Fr. Church,	C. McAllister,	Fayetteville.
		D. S. Williams,	Averasboro.
Richm'd.	Cartledge's Cr'k.	A. Dockery,	Dockery's.
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	R. Jacks,	Brier Creek.
Rowan,	Eaton's Church,	J. N. Frost,*	Moxville.
Craven,	Newbern Chur. and Congregt'n.	J. J. Finch, S. Biddle,* J. C. Stevenson,*	Newbern.
	Goose Creek,	Z. Slade,	Newbern.
Nash,	Nashville Church,	A. J. Battle,	Nashville.
Edgecm'b	Tarboro' Church,	H. Austin,* H. Johnston,* and W. Potter,	Tarboro.
Johnson,	Smithfield,	R. T. Saunders, D. Thompson	Smithfield.
Sampson,	Goshen M. Soc'y.	W. J. Finley, G. Fennel,	Harrell's.
		J. Mathis,	Taylor's.
		E. Carroll,	Kenansville.
Perquim's	Bethel Church,	S. E. Gardiner, C. W. Skinner,	Hertford.
Chowan,	Edenton,	A. P. Repiton,	Edenton.
		R. McNabb,	Raleigh.
Duplin,	Kenansville.	B. Carroll,	Kenansville.
		G. W. Hufham.	Wrightsville
		J. Oliver,	Sarecta.
		B. Oliver,	Wrightsville
Granville,	Island Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Williamsboro
	Grassy Creek,	T. B. Barnett,*	Waterloo.
Franklin,	Poplar Spring,	W. Cheaves,* N. Pierce,	Louisburg.
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	J. Culpepper, Sen.	Beverly.
	Pee Dee Assoc'n.	do. do.	
Person,	Beulah Associatn.	J. N. Norfleet,	Gordons.
	Olive Branch,	do.	

REPORT ON WAKE FOREST INSTITUTE.

The Committee appointed on the Wake Forest Institute, report:

That, from the information which they have had at command, they feel justified in saying that the condition and character of the Institute, was never more inviting or commanding. The Faculty is composed of men of tried abilities, and their faithfulness at their post has only to be known, to secure to the Institution over which they preside, a liberal patronage for the future. During the present year they have labored under many discouragements. The principal of these has been the *want* of a sufficient number of students. And this, while it has been the chief source of discouragement to them, constitutes, in the view of your committee, the principal obstacle in the way of this seminary. To remove this obstacle, and to raise the Institute at once to an equally commanding eminence, in point of success, with similar institutions of the day, it is only necessary that the friends of education, and particularly the friends of Baptist interest, should send their sons here to be educated. If all the Baptists, *now in North Carolina*, who have sons to educate, would send them here, there would never be any cause to regret the smallness of their number. But this has not been the case. Too many send their sons nowhere. Too many prefer ordinary schools. And a large number of those that are educated, are sent off to foreign institutions. Now, in all this, there is much over which to lament. But on the last specification, we feel most inclined at present to complain. The impression that seems to prevail among the educating portion of our community, that they must send their sons at a distance to be educated, has done, and is now doing the Institute the most material injury. In saying this, we do not wish to diminish the worth of foreign institutions in the estimation of this Convention, or of the people of this State. We would only say, that in estimating their claims, we should not be unmindful of those at home, and those which are dependent upon us for support.

As to sound literature, as to pure morality, and all other useful attainments, no advantage can be gained by going either south or north from the Wake Forest Institute. And in doing it, we feel sure that only a name is sought, and that only a name is found. It will be in vain to expend our money to rear the necessary buildings; it will be in vain to unite our wisdom in devising the best measures for an institution of high character; and to pour forth our prayers for its success, if its professed friends continue to send their sons to other institutions. We must break down that ungenerous passion so conspicuous in human nature, that swells the value of distant objects, but diminishes that of home—of objects around us.

We feel happy, however, to say to the Convention, that the prospects of the Institute, in this particular, are brightening. There are some

twenty-five or thirty students more, who have already signified their intention to join it next year. The English and Preparatory departments may need some improvement from the present plan. We learn that these have been carried on to the best advantage, under existing circumstances. But we think it should be distinctly understood at home and abroad, that students can *begin* and *finish* their education at the Institute.

The claims of the Institute evidently come in commanding terms to every Baptist heart, and every friend of learning and virtue. There is no other single organization among us, upon which we are so much dependent as this. It is this that will form the character of the rising ministry; and this that will determine, to a great extent, the destiny of the denomination in this State. An institution so important, so intimately connected with our dearest interest and brightest hopes, claims our patronage, our labours, our funds and our prayers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FINCH, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance regret to say, that the cause as far as they have had an opportunity of judging, is at present in most places throughout the State, not as prosperous as could be wished. This perhaps may be attributed in part to the imprudent zeal of some of the Advocates of the Temperance reformation, but more especially to the indifference of others who formerly manifested a becoming zeal for the promotion of this good cause. We deeply regret, in view of the evil consequences which have and will evidently yet result from the intemperate use of ardent spirits, to find that some professors of religion are still in the habit of partaking of this pernicious cordial at public gatherings, as well as at home. Though the cause of Temperance is in many places in a declining state, we rejoice to know that much good has been effected in some places. About twelve months back, it was ascertained that 2,000,000 of persons in our own land have quit the constant use of ardent spirits as a drink; 200,000 have abandoned all drinks that have a tendency to intoxicate; 4,000 distilleries have stopped; 8,000 merchants have ceased selling it; 1,200 vessels now sail without it, and 12,000 drunkards have been reformed.

We would, in view of these facts, indulge the hope that our Christian friends throughout the State will continue to exert their influence in promoting this benevolent enterprize.

R. McNABB, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals report—That they consider the circulation of religious periodicals through the state an object highly desirable and worthy of our persevering exertions. We apprehend that the great reason why our brethren are not more zealously engaged in the various great objects of benevolence is, that they are not well enough acquainted with those objects and have not a sufficient knowledge of what their brethren in other parts of the world are doing in the cause of God. We have so much confidence in the piety of the great body of the Baptists in North Carolina, that we cannot believe that they would knowingly neglect their duty and fold their arms upon the field of labour, whilst many of their brethren around are coming up to the great work of publishing the gospel through the world.

Prejudices exist in the minds of many against missionary efforts, and efforts for circulating the scriptures, and against Sabbath schools, and the education of the ministry; and we consider that the information derived from Religious Periodicals is excellently well calculated to remove those prejudices and stir up the soul of the Christian to zeal and activity. And where no prejudice exists in the mind, and the heart of the Christian is already interested in the great labor of love the reading of these periodicals has the happy tendency to keep alive the vital flame, and increase the intensity of holy affection. Your Committee are therefore happy to learn that the Biblical Recorder continues to rise in the estimation of the Baptists in our State, and that the list of subscribers is considerably enlarged; but as there still is room for its more extensive circulation, we would recommend to our brethren and particularly our ministering brethren, to interest themselves in increasing the number of its readers and supporters.

Your Committee would also recommend to the patronage of the Baptists of this State, the Christian Review, a most useful and interesting periodical published in Boston, Mass., the terms of which are three dollars per annum, payable in advance.

This should be taken and read by all the ministers in our State. It would repay them an hundred fold for the little expense it would occasion them. And not only would ministers be benefited, but our brethren generally would receive much advantage by becoming its subscribers.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. E. Gardner, Ch.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools, have taken this subject into consideration, as much as their limited opportunities would permit. We believe that Sabbath school instruction is of great importance to the community, and well calculated by the blessing of God to exert a happy influence on the youth of our country. From the best information now in hand we suppose there are at this time, not far different from 200 schools now in operation in this State, in which there are probably between 12 and 15 hundred teachers engaged in the instruction of 10 or 12 thousand scholars.

The A. S. S. Union have, we believe, by their agents, established schools, in most places where it was deemed practicable throughout our State, the greater portion of which we are fearful, are now on the decline for the want of more energy and zeal on the part of superintendents and teachers.

Respectfully submitted, M. D. Freeman, Ch.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Home Mission report,

That, from the best information they have been able to obtain, much good has been done by the missionaries of this body. The churches in whose neighborhoods they have labored, entirely approve of the work in which we are engaged.

It has occurred to your committee, however, that more good would be done by sending our missionaries to such fields as they have not before occupied. The state is so large, and the number of missionaries so small, it will be perfectly convenient to keep each missionary on entirely new ground.

It has also appeared to your committee that it would contribute to the advancement of the great cause in which we are engaged, to assign to each missionary a circuit of such extent as will enable him to visit his congregation at stated periods.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Sam'l Wait, Ch.

REPORT ON TRACTS.

Your committee on Tracts beg leave to report, That they look upon the distribution of tracts as an efficient agent in the amelioration of the moral condition of mankind. We feel confident in saying, we view their circulation and *their* influence *second alone* to that of the Bible. We know that the Bible is indispensable to the salvation of man, the advancement of God's glory, and the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. But in the mean time we feel that these ends are astonishingly furthered by Tract distribution. We might be more confident and say we know that they are. Listen to the intelligence on this point furnished us by the Missionaries throughout our land. So powerful is their influence that we find it impossible to meet the demands which are daily made for means to spread these miniature messengers of mercy and salvation. One great reason which we would assign for their distribution is the fact that they will be read when a large volume would lie enveloped in the dust which gathers upon it in consequence of its disuse. Not so with tracts, they will be taken up and read frequently for the want of other employment, and oftentimes in this way they are rendered effectual in the salvation of the giddy and thoughtless. Therefore, *Resolved*, That all God's people are loudly called upon to use their influence and employ their efforts to assist in the *printing* and *circulation* of Tracts at home and abroad.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. P. Repiton, Ch.

REPORT ON THE FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board, for the purpose of reporting on the expediency of establishing a female seminary, of a high order, in a central part of the state, would respectfully submit the following statements:

They are convinced that an institution such as proposed is greatly needed. The facts—that there are but few female schools of much standing in our state—that these are not generally adapted to the views and wishes of our brethren—and that our people are therefore compelled either to keep their daughters at home uneducated, or to send them to other states, at an enormous expense and much inconvenience—constitute, in the view of your committee, sufficient evidence that a

seminary adapted to the wants of our people, and located in a central part of the state, is an object much to be desired.

Nor do your committee entertain a doubt, that a seminary properly constituted, and situated in a healthful and eligible part of the state, would receive an ample support. To say nothing of those portions of the community, having no concern for Baptist enterprise, which would find it to their interest to patronise such a school, there are surely baptists enough, who would eagerly embrace the opportunities afforded by such an institution, to provide it with an ample and permanent patronage.

It is the opinion of your committee, that the seminary should be located in Raleigh or in the vicinity of that city: that it should be properly and primarily a boarding school: that it should be furnished with buildings and all needful accommodations, for *thirty pupils* at the outset: that the instructors should be persons of high standing in their profession and fully adequate as to number: that the branches taught should be such as to constitute a plain and substantial, but at the same time, a first rate course of female education: that the whole establishment should be modelled and conducted on strictly religious principles: and that the school should be subject to the superintendance of one man, who, together with his lady, should constitute a sort of temporary parentage, with whom the pupils should live, to whom their morals and behaviour, as well as their scholarship, should be entrusted, and who should be held responsible for their safety and improvement, so long as they continued in the school. If located in town, a lot should be procured, and suitable buildings and fixtures provided. If in the country, a small farm, affording a healthy and commanding situation, should be purchased and all necessary local arrangements made. And all this should be done before the school should be allowed to go into operation.

As the pecuniary responsibilities involved in such an undertaking would probably be greater than any one person would wish to assume, your committee suggest the expediency of forming a small company or corporation, who should divide the stock and the proceeds among themselves; and who should employ teachers, make regulations, control the financial concerns, and do all other things appertaining to the obsolute proprietorship of the establishment. In that case, the wisdom of a number would be concentrated—interest in behalf of the school would be more generally diffused—arrangements requiring an outlay of funds might be made with efficiency and despatch—if any loss should be sustained, it would be divided among several, and would probably fall on such as would be able to bear it—and should any thing be gained by the enterprise, it would go to those properly entitled to it, and would be

a gratifying compensation, for expenses incurred and responsibilities assumed.

Your committee are aware that neither the Board, nor the Convention has any constitutional power to act in this business. They have power, however to give advice, and to recommend measures, and this we trust will be done on the present occasion. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That in the estimation of this convention, it is expedient to institute a FEMALE SEMINARY, adapted to the existing wants of the denomination, and to be located in the city of Raleigh, or at some eligible point in the adjoining country.

2. *Resolved*, That immediate and effective measures be recommended for carrying into effect the aforesaid undertaking—and that the school be had in readiness for operation in one, or at most, in two years from the present date.

3. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid school be modeled and conducted on strictly religious principles; but that it should be, as far as possible, free from sectarian influence.

4. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing resolutions, and that they conform as far as practicable, to the principles of the foregoing report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. MEREDITH. *Ch.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The materials in the possession of your Board, do not supply them with the means of presenting to the Convention a Report possessing that degree of interest it is usual to expect, and would be pleasing to impart in such a communication. The following statements will comprehend whatever is supposed to be interesting to the Convention, and deserving of their attention.

Since the last Convention, there has been one meeting *only* of the Board, which was held in July, at the Institute. The proceedings of that meeting, so far as it is judged important to report them to the Convention, were as follows:

The term of six months, for which brother McNabb had been appointed missionary by the last Convention, having expired, the Board deemed it proper to protract the term of his service until the present session of the Convention. Brother McNabb had in his possession $24, which he had collected for the Convention,

which, by the direction of the Board, he paid over to the treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

From representations to the Board, that, by many of the friends of the Convention, it was considered desirable permanently to locate the meetings of the Convention at some central point, a committee consisting of brethren Wait, Justice and Meredith, was appointed to present a report to the present meeting of the Convention on that subject. This is believed to comprehend, whatever is material to be submitted to the Convention, of the proceedings of the last meeting of their Board.

Accounts have been received from most of our missionaries.—From these the following statements are presented to the Convention. Bro. Eli Phillips has travelled as missionary for the Convention 60 days, and preached nearly as many sermons. His labours have been principally in the counties of Moore, Randolph, Davidson, Iredell and Rowan. Bro. Phillips earnestly regrets, that he has been prevented by the sickness of his family, from rendering a greater amount of service to the Convention. While brother Phillips speaks of the prospects as being in some places encouraging, he represents it in others as sadly the reverse. Ministers of the Gospel he says are scarce, and he has found many churches within the sphere of his operations, entirely destitute of any regular ministerial supply; to which lamentable fact, he, with justice attributes, in a great degree, their state of barrenness and coldness. Brother Phillips upon this subject, exclaims with compassionate zeal, "Dear brethren, is there no remedy. May the Lord enable the Convention to reply to this affecting appeal, by proving, through her zeal and efficiency in evangelical effort, that there is balm in Gilead, for healing the diseases of our afflicted land."

From brother Douglas' communication, we learn that he has travelled in the service of the Convention, since their last session, 185 days, preached 175 sermons, and collected for the Convention, $7 50. Brother Douglas, out of his wages, gives $5 to the Convention, which he wishes appropriated to the home mission fund. Brother Jacks has travelled as missionary for the Convention 270 days, preached 250 sermons, baptized 7 persons, assisted in ordaining two ministers, and attended two protracted meetings and four associations. He has collected for the Convention $47 55. During these labours he has travelled over the counties of Ashe, Surry, Davie, Iredell, Lincoln, Burke and Wilkes, and two counties in Virginia. Several of the meetings he at-

tended, he represents as having been particularly interesting; the Yadkin Association especially, which, on account of the encouraging indications, was protracted by himself and brother Owen several days. During this meeting ten persons professed hope in Christ, and many were left seriously concerned for their soul's salvation. It has been the object of brother Jacks, to preach the gospel in its sincerity and purity, and to explain to the people the nature and the objects of the Convention; and notwithstanding much unhappy opposition, he still believes the cause of evangelical benevolence to be steadily advancing.

Brother McNabb travelled during the months of November and December, through the counties of Orange, Chatham, Moore and Cumberland. In these counties he attended several interesting protracted meetings. During January and February, he travelled thro' New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, and Bladen counties. In these counties he states the labours of our missionaries to be thankfully received. His operations during March, April and May, extended thro' the Raleigh and Sandy Creek Associations, in which his congregations were generally good, and he had many interesting meetings.—The month of June he spent in the bounds of the Chowan Association. This Association he found, beyond any other he visited, devoted to the objects of the Convention. In the months of July and August, he travelled the second time through the Raleigh and Sandy Creek Associations, during which time he attended some protracted meetings, as interesting as he has ever seen. The month of September was occupied in travelling through the Flat River Association.—Bro. McNabb represents the field in this region as white for harvest. In October he again visited the Chowan Association, when he found a pleasant state of things prevailing among some of the churches.—He states that they are anxious, that the Convention should send one or two missionaries among them during the ensuing year. He has in all parts been cordially received, and finds a general desire prevailing that the number of our missionaries should be increased. Brother McNabb has travelled in the service of the Convention 350 days, preached 325 sermons, obtained in cash $434 95, and in subscriptions $70, and rode about 3,400 miles. Such is the amount which has been received from your missionaries in relation to their labours and the prospects of the Convention, within the sphere of their operations.

In reviewing the missionary operations of the Convention, there will be found encouraging reason for believing that real good has

been effected by this means. Ministers restricted in their operations by hard necessity, under the influence of the Convention, have been liberated from their imprisonment, and sent out into the highways and hedges, to compel perishing sinners to the great gospel feast. An amount of ministerial labor has been obtained, and the ministry of the gospel has been promoted in different portions of the State, in a degree, and with a success, which, without the influence of the Convention, there is no good reason to believe, would have existed. And who can disclose the results? If the holy angels of heaven rejoice over one sinner restored to God, who can compute the magnitude of the work which has been already effected by the Convention. The day of Eternity *alone*, will reveal its everlasting importance.

But, brethren, what we have done, but the more impressively discovers to us, what we have yet to do. The light that shines upon our path, serves but to illumine the darkness around us, and to convince us that our work, as yet, is but begun. Wide and desolate is the field, we are called in the providence of God to occupy. From all around us, hear the cry of those awakening into life under the influence of your efforts. Send us more missionaries to preach to us the gospel, and to minister to us in the holy things of God. From the heights of the Alleghany to the waves of the Atlantic, the field invites the sickle of the spiritual husbandman: nor will our work have been accomplished until mountain shall re-echo to mountain the praises of the Lamb, and until the floods of the Atlantic shall mingle their praise with the songs of redeeming love bursting from all their shores. But how is this great work to be accomplished? From the contemplation of so sublime a prospect, it is indeed painful to descend, to the consideration of our present lamentably disproportionate means of operation. Our contributions amount to a mere pittance, compared to the magnitude of the object we have in view, and compared to our ability in reference to that object. Think of the number of Baptist Churches in North Carolina; think of the amount of wealth belonging to those churches; think of the superfluities that might be spared from affluence, to give the bread of life to famishing souls; think of the Son of God who died on the cross for our salvation, and let us say, Brethren, whether, as yet, we have even begun our work. To our brethren through the State, the Convention must address the enquiry, How is this work to be accomplished? But the answer will be found short and simple. It is to be accomplished by the obedience of christians to the last solemn command of their Lord and Saviour.

When the people of God shall have realized that the gold and silver of the earth is the Lord's; when they shall have learned to feel that they themselves are not their own, having been bought with the precious blood of Christ; when they shall have come, *fully* to sympathise with angels in their joy over the repenting sinner; when the solemn appeal of the Saviour shall have come with full power to their hearts, convincing them that the whole world is trash, weighed in the scales against the immortal soul, then, brethren, shall we find ourselves in the possession of means adequate to the accomplishment of the important objects of our Convention. Yes! it is not to be doubted, if so glorious a revolution in the views and feelings of the Church were to occur to-morrow—to-morrow would see the few hundreds sent to the Convention increasing to as many thousands. The rivulets would swell into brooks; the brooks expand into rivers. Every consideration calculated to operate upon the intellect and heart of a pious man, pleads for liberality in such a cause. Godliness has the promise of the life that now is, not less than of that which is to come. He that soweth bountifully, bountifully shall reap. Peace reigns in the soul of the faithful servant of Christ, and hope points him to the skies. By seeking to save others, the christian best testifies his gratitude and love to the Saviour of his own soul: and he is acting worthy of his own character *only*, while appreciating the high and holy dignity of laboring with God for the conversion of the world. When, brethren, shall we feel the heavenly import of the Saviour's doctrine, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." When shall we be excited into liberal activity and zeal, by the cheering consideration that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

Brethren, what we do, must be quickly done. Death will soon come, and put an end to all our schemes on earth. He who wishes to serve the Lord, and realize to himself heavenly and eternal treasure, should be intent upon his work. Our bodies will soon be in the silent grave, and our spirits will soon have passed to the judgment seat of Christ. Dying friends falling around us, together with the frequent monitors of our own approaching end, remind us forcibly of the necessity of working "while it is day." The work of which we have been speaking is to be done. It is hastening on to consummation. It is for us to determine, whether we will be active agents in its accomplishment, or whether we shall be removed, that our places may be supplied with others, more sensible of their privileges, and more faithful to their duties. There is a voice all around us, calling us to activ-

ity. Eternal truth is on her march, prejudice and bigotry are yielding to her influence; the slumbers of ages are breaking; and a long night of darkness is disappearing, before the rising beams of the "the sun of righteousness." In view, brethren of what has already been done, and still more in view of what we are invited to do, we would say in the words of inspiration, "Let us thank God and take courage."

WM. HILL JORDAN, Cor. Sec.

REPORT ON BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Your Committee on the Board of Managers, recommend to the Convention, the brethren whose names follow:

J. Dennis, W. H. Merritt, John Purify, R. T. Sanders, W. J. Finley, D. Thompson, W. M. Crenshaw, J. Peterson, C. W. Skinner, J. H. Frost, R. Bumpass, T. B. Barnett, D. Justice, E. S. Jordan, G. W. Thompson, S. Pleasant, J. Fooshee, B. Carroll, Wm. Crenshaw, Sen., J. Burnes, D. S. Williams, G. Ryan, J. S. Wheeler, J. S. Mims, M. D. Freeman, T. McDaniel, G. Fennell, S. Terrell. [The above were duly appointed.]

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. FINLEY, Ch.

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total.
Wake,	Wake Forest Church,	8 50	11 50	10 00	30 00
	John Holliman,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Society at Mount Gilead,	4 00	5 00	1 00	10 00
	Hepsabah Church,		10 00		10 00
	Rolesville Church,	3 25	3 50	3 25	10 00
	Liberty Church,	5 25	4 75		10 10
	Bro. Lewis DuPree,	50	1 50	75	2 75
	Cornelius DuPree,		25		25
Cumberl'd,	Cape Fear Association,		57 30		57 30
	Union F. Mis. Society,	6 65	6 65	6 70	20 00
	Cape Fear Church,	4 27	4 27	4 28	12 82
	Bro. David S. Williams,	4 00	1 25	6 00	11 25
	Bro. David Tims,			1 00	1 00
Chatham,	Reaves' Chapel,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Rock Spring,	4 27	4 26	4 57	13 10
	Mays's Chapel Mis. Soc.	13 33	13 33	13 34	40 00
	Mineral Spring,	6 00	3 00	1 00	10 00
	Sandy Creek Association	11 89	11 89	11 90	35 68
	Bro. Peter P. Smith,	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
	Bro. Solomon Dossey,		50		50
	Sister Meriam Alston,	50			50
	Sister ——— Marsh,	30	35	35	1 00
Richmond,	Cartledges Creek,	12 50	4 50	12 50	29 50
	Bro. Alex. Nicholson,	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	4 50	1 25	4 25	10 00
Davie,	Eaton Church,	5 25	1 50	3 25	10 00
Sampson,	Cohary Bap. Mis. Soc.	1 66	1 66	1 68	5 00
	Bro. Jas. Mathis,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
Craven,	Newbern Ch. and congregation.	39 75	22 00	20 22	81 97
	Goose Creek Society,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
Nash,	Nashville Church,	4 00	2 00	4 00	10 00
Edgecomb,	Tarboro' Church,	20 00	10 00	20 00	50 00
Johnston,	Smithfield,	3 50	8 00	13 50	25 00
Duplin,	Goshen Bap. Mis. Soc.	10 55	7 50	2 50	20 55
	Mrs. Ann Graham, John Graham, and J. Carroll.	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Kenansville Church,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. Benjamin Oliver,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. George Hufham,	3 30	3 30	3 40	10 00
	Bro. John Oliver,	5 00		5 00	10 00
Montgom'y	Bro. Azariah Chambers,	2 00	1 00	2 00	5 00
Granville,	Island Creek,	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
	Sister E. Miller,			4 00	4 00
	Grassey Creek,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Bladen,	Beaverdam Church,	1 66	1 66	1 68	5 00
Orange,	Antioch Church,			20	20
Franklin,	Poplar Spring,		25 35		25 35
Surry,	George Douglass,	5 00			5 00
Anson,	Cedar Creek,	7 16	7 16	7 18	21 50
	Pedee Association,	4 21	4 21	4 23	12 65
Person,	Beulah Association,	6 65	6 65	6 70	20 00

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Bertie,	Olive Branch,	7 00	10 00		17 00
	Cashie Ch. by J. Taylor,	10 00		10 00	20 00
	Coll. by Rev. R. McNabb,	253 25	76 05	113 65	442 95
	" by Rev. R. Jacks,	28 52	14 27	4 65	47 45
	" by " G. Douglass,	3 00	1 50	3 00	7 50
		546 97	379 76	341 13	1267 87

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. SANDERS, *Ch'n.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1838. *The Treasurer, Dr.,*	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total
To balance on hand Nov. 5, 1837,		316 62		316 62
" Cash rec'd from Gosh. Bap. Mis. Soc.	21 50	21 50		43 00
" " from Rev. W. H. Turpin, Au'a Ga.			45 00	45 00
" " W.F. Brasington for Mt. Olive Ch.	3 50	9 50		13 00
" " J. Taylor and others of Bertie,	2 50		2 50	5 00
" " Sister Harriet Hadley,	2 50		2 50	5 00
" " Bro. G. Thomas, of Stokes,		2 00		2 00
" " Sister Battle, Rocky Mount,	2 00			2 00
" " Contributions to this meeting,	546 97	379 76	341 13	1267 87
	578 97	729 38	391 13	1699 49
CONTRA.				
By amount overpaid Nov. 5—1837.	344 74			344 74
" Cash pd. Eli Phillips for 60 days of Missionary Service.	60 00			60 00
" Cash pd. George Douglass for 185 days of Missionary Service.	185 00			185 00
" Cash pd. Richard Jacks for 270 days of Missionary Service.	270 00			270 00
" Cash pd. Robert McNabb for 350 days of Missionary Service.	350 00			350 00
" Cash pd. T. Meredith for printing Minutes of last year.	21 66	21 66	21 68	65 00
	1231 40	21 66	21 68	1274 74
Balance on hand Nov. 6—1838,		707 72	369 45	424 75
Amount overpaid Home Mission Fund,	652 43			

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account have performed their service and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. SLADE, *Ch'n.*

A list of Contributions as reported by R. McNabb.

Counties.	Societies.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu'n.	Total.
Chatham,	R. Dowd 8 00, Mrs. Dowd .20,	4 00	4 20		8 20
	N. Dickens .50, J. Wamack 1 00, M. Smith .20,	1 70			1 70
Wake,	A. Wilson 1 00, J. Howell 2 00, N. Womble .25, Piney Grove 1 05, Gum Spring 1 95,	6 25			6 25
	N. Norris 1 00,		1 00		1 00
Chatham,	S. Wilson 1 00,		1 00		1 00
Orange,	G. Barbee .50,	50			50
Cumberl'd,	S. Brown .50, B. Muckle .50, R. Brown .50, R. Wilson .50,	2 00			2 00
	J. Shepherd 1, N. Buchanan .50, J. Oliver .50, C. Hathcock .50,	2 50			2 50
	J. Wilson .25, M. Huckaby .50,	75			75
Moore,	T. Yarboro .50, T. Thomas .50, J. Hawley .50, B. Lenier .50, B. Williams 1, H. Judd 50, M. Thomas .50, A. Thomas .50, W. Rambese 1, B. Wamack 1 50,	7 00			7 00
Craven,	S. Willis 1, M. Ernel .50,	1 50			1 50
Newbern,	J. Riggs 5, J. C. Brinson 2,	7 00			7 00
	Mrs. E. Washington 10,	5 00	5 00		10 00
Jones,	J. Wood 1,	1 00			1 00
N. Han.	J. Piggford .50, W. Lamb 2, S. A. E. Carroll .50, C. M. Carroll .50,	3 50			3 50
	G. Fennell 1, B. Rogers .50, R. Rogers .50, L. Carroll 2,	2 00		2 00	4 00
Sampson,	L. A. Tatum .50, G. Herring 1,	1 50			1 50
S. C.	S. P. Ivey .50, S. T. Stanaland 1,	1 50			1 50
	M. Stanaland .50, D. Stanaland 1, L. Stanaland .50, S. B. Stanaland .75, A. Stanaland .50, W. D. Sellers .50, S. Sellers .10,	3 85			3 85

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Brunswick,	W. Chalker 1, W. Danford .30, W. D. Bryan 1, A. R. Smith .25, A. W. Bessent .25, S. Dussenburg .50, R. Wilson .50, M. Edge 1,	4 80			4 80
Columbus,	C. Galloway .50, N. Galloway .25, M. Hemmingway .50, S. Rutland .25, S. B. Robbins .50,	2 00			2 00
	M. Long .50, W. Frink 1 H. Long .25, Beaver Dam 1,	2 50	25		2 75
	Pleasant Plains 2,	2 00			2 00
Bladen,	Cross Roads .30, D. Lennon 1, E. Lennon .50 Elizabeth Lennon .50	2 00	30		2 30
Moore,	Western Prong 7 10	7 10			7 10
Lenoir,	M. McKay .40 C. M. McKay 1,	1 40			1 40
	W. H. Whitfield 1 G. W. Whitfield 2 A. Moseley 1 J. Parrott .25	4 25			4 25
Orange,	L. Whitfield .50 W. Hardy .30 H. V. Etheridge .50 H. Parks .25 C. Wooten 50 J. Hardy .30	2 35			2 35
	T. Dawson .25 B. Rouse 50,	75			75
Chatham,	T. Boroughs 1 J. Boroughs .50 W. Strain .50 T. J. Maddrie 50 M. Duskins 1 50 M. Patterson 50 Mrs. Duskins 25 L. H. Pratt 50 J. King 50 J. N. Patterson 50	3 25		3 00	6 25
	J. Williams 1 M. Williams 1	2 00			2 00
Wake,	J. Harwood .25	25			25
	Mrs. Hopkins 2	1 00	1 00		2 00
Orange,	G. Underhill .25 Mrs. Busbee 1	1 25			1 25
	Cane Creek 7 05 Antioch 3 35	10 40		1 25	11 65
Wake,	Sandy Field 1 80	1 80			1 80
	B. Rogers 2 J. Sanders 4		3 00	3 00	6 00
Granville,	J. Shaw 5 Chesnut Grove 2		2 00	5 00	7 00
	N. E. Kennedy 4 Brassfields 1 90	3 90	2 00		5 90

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	Corinth 1 00, L. Montague .50,	1 50			1 50
	W. H. Paschal 3 00, D. Satterfield 1 00,	4 00			4 00
	S. Montague 1 00, Grassey Creek 2 00,	1 00	2 00		3 00
	Olive Branch 7 90, Bethel 6 00,	13 90			13 90
	W. Clements 1 00, Hesters 1 90, Locks 6 15, J. Waller 1 00, E. Hester 5 00,	6 00	1 00	8 05	16 05
	Mrs. S. Russel 5 00,			5 00	5 00
Bertie,	Cashie 4 15,			4 15	4 15
Edenton,	Mrs. Wilder 1 95, A. Rea .50,			2 45	2 45
	R. Blount 10 00, E. Bond 2 00;	7 00		5 00	12 00
Perqum's	M. Mixon 1 00, Mrs. Rea .50,			1 50	1 50
	J. M. Cumming 1 00, A Friend .25,			1 25	1 25
Pasquotank	M. W. Jones 2 00, J. Taylor 1 00,	3 00			3 00
Winton,	N. Bynum 3 00, A Friend 1 00, A. G. Vann 1 00, A. S. Cross .50,			5 50	5 50
Wake,	Hepsibah 13 30,		13 30		13 30
	B. T. Blake 2 50, Mrs. Blake 2 50, B. T. Blake Jun. .25, Mrs. Shaw .25,		5 50		5 50
Orange,	H. Parker 5 00,			5 00	5 00
Person,	J. Gill .50, S. Garrott 2 00,		2 50		2 50
	J. Holloway .50, T. Pool 1 00, N. Woody .10,	1 60			1 60
Granville,	B. Hester 1 00,	1 00			1 00
Halifax,	Conniconary,	12 00	5 00	7 50	24 50
Bertie,	Capeharts,	2 50			2 50
Perquim's.	J. Wood 5 00, M. Wood 2 00,			7 00	7 00
	C. W. Skinner 10 00, S. Barbee, 1 00,			11 00	11 00
	W. M. Fleetwood 1 00, M. Felton 1 00,			2 00	2 00
	M. Williams 1 00, R. H. Whitby 1 00,			2 00	2 00
	J. Gatling 2 00, M. Gatling .50,			2 50	2 50

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Pasquotank	Ramoth Gilead,		5 00		5 00
Camden,	Shiloh 10 75, Salem 11 50,	17 25		5 00	22 25
Currituck,	Providence,	7 50		8 00	15 50
Camden,	J. D. Grandy 5 00,		5 00		5 00
	Sawyers Creek,	20 00		6 75	26 75
Gates,	Sandy Cross 14 00,	2 00	10 00	2 00	14 00
Gatesville,	S. W. Worrell 2 00, S. Roundtree 1 00,	3 00			3 00
	J. A. Blount 1 00, H. M. Daughtery 2 00,	3 00			3 00
	H. Gilliam 5 00, E. Gilliam 1 00,	6 00			6 00
	W. Daughtry .25, R. K. Speed 1 00,			1 25	1 25
	R. McIntosh 1 00, S. B. Saunders 2 00,	2 00		1 00	3 00
	J. Harvey 1 00, M. A. Lovett .50,	1 50			1 50
	M. Dorsey 1 00, E. Daughtry 1 00,	2 00			2 00
	S. E. Blount .50, J. S. Haslett 1 00,	1 50			1 50
Hertford,	G. C. Moore,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Meherrin,	1 25	2 00	1 00	4 25
Gates,	W. Lee 4 00, J. Freeman .25,	1 25	2 00	1 00	4 25
	E. Lee .50, E. Howell 3 25,	1 25	2 50	1 00	4 75
	S. Howell .50, C. Lee .25,			75	75
	L. Lee .50,		50		50
Bertie,	T. Horne 1 50, J. Rutland 1 00,	2 50			2 50
	C. Roby .50, Mrs. Britton .50,	1 00			1 00
	L. Jiggitts 4 00, E. Jiggitts 1 00,	5 00			5 00
Winton,	J. Anderson,	2 00			2 00
Gates,	Middle Swamp,	2 75			2 75
Newbern,	Z. Slade 5 00, S. J. Slade 1 00,	6 00			6 00
Wake,	E. Young 1 50,	1 50			1 50
	A. Alderman,	1 50			1 50
		$253 25	76 05	113 65	442 95

A list of Contributions as reported by R. Jacks.

Counties.	Names.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
Iredell,	Nancy Rice,	25			25
	Henry Smith,	25	25		50
	Lucy Lovelace,	25	25		50
	Ebenezar Holman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
	L. R. Tuck,	25	25		50
	David Rice,			1 00	1 00
	Rachel Holman,	25	25		50
	Mrs. Sabra Holman,	25	25	25	75
	Mrs. Matilda Richards,	25			25
	David Holman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
Davie,	James Hudson,	50			50
	Archibald Lovelace,	50			50
	Wilson Holman,	25	25	25	75
	Sarah Brandon,	20			20
	S. M. Smoot,	25			25
	Patrick Cain'		50		50
	The above is from Society Church,				
Iredell,	James Bailey,	12	13		25
	William Pearce,	25	25		50
Rowan,	Leah Phifer,	12	13		25
Iredell,	James Pearce,	25	25		50
	By collection at N. Hope,	1 40	1 40	1 40	4 20
Wilkes,	William Coffey,	1 00			1 00
	D. Coffey,	50			50
	William Lennore,	1 00			1 00
	William Davenport,	50			50
	T. Sturd,	50			50
	Wm. Cortel,	50			50
	C. Coffey,		50		50
	Thos. Pinion,	25			25
Burke,	W. Dickson,			50	50
	Wilburn Coffey,	25	25		50
	Daniel Moore,	50	25		75
	Jesse Moore,	25	50		75
Lincoln,	E. L. Shuford,			50	50
	Wooson Howard,	50			50
	Isaac Low,	50			50
	James Harden,	50			50
	John D. Graham,	50			50
	Alex. Low,	50			50
	William Ship,	50			50
	Mrs. Sarah F. Hampton,	50			50
	Nancy Sbroup,	25			25
	M. N. Dillinger,	5			5
	S. Weathers,	25			25
	L. Weathers,	25			25
	T. Perley,	25			25

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Counties.	Names.	H. M.	F. M.	Educ'n.	Total.
	T. Webber,			25	25
	E. Weathers,	25			25
	R. Clarke,			25	25
	T. Thonebury,		25		25
Lincolnton,	R. Harriss,	1 00			1 00
	H. S. Hicks,		50		50
	Allen Stanly,		1 00		1 00
	H. Rhodes,	1 00			1 00
	By collection at Thesilonica,	1 87			1 87
Surry,	John T. Memicle,		25		25
	Abner Phillips,		12		12
	Nancy Spirs,		25		25
Ashe,	James Blevins,	50	25	25	1 00
	David Blevins,	50			50
	Priscilla Jacks,	50			50
	Sarah Jacks,	50			50
	Margaret Jacks,		50		50
	Altha Jacks,		50		50
	R. Murcherson,	1 00			1 00
	J. D. Watson,	1 00			1 00
	Altha Tucker,	50			50
Gray'n, Va.	Elisha Anderson,		50		50
	Ruth Anderson,		50		50
	Isaac Spencer,	50			50
Surry,	Thomas Hampton,	50			50
	Elizabeth Hampton,	50			50
	Rev. Bar Roby,		50		50
Davidson,	James Wiseman,	1 00	1 00		2 00
	Agnes Durham,		50		50
		28 52	14 27	4 65	47 45

PROCEEDINGS,

Of the North Carolina Bible Society at its second annual meeting at Brown's Meeting House in Sampson county, Nov. 3rd, 1838.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. T. Meredith taking the chair and prayer being made by Rev. John Purify.

On motion appointed Rev. D. S. Williams, M. D. Freeman, George Ryan and Mr. Burns a committee on Finance.

On motion, invitation was given to Auxiliary Societies and individuals to become members of this Society.

The following is a list of its members,

Cape Fear B.Society, by J. S. Mims,	13 50	T. McDaniel,	1 00
		Richard Jacks,	1 00
Beulah Association,	4 00	George Fennell,	1 00
Olive Branch Ch.	3 00	Wm. J. Finley,	1 00
John Culpeper,	5 00	M. D. Freeman,	1 00
A. J. Battle,	5 00	Sister Freeman,	1 00
Margaret H. Battle,	5 00	" Emily Fort,	1 00
Z. Slade,	4 00	" Eliza Fort,	1 00
S. E. Gardiner,	2 00	George Ryan,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00	J. Wilson,	1 00
D. S. Williams,	2 00	George W. Hufham,	1 00
C. W. Skinner,	5 00	A. P. Ripiton,	1 00
James McDaniel,	2 00	R. McNabb,	1 00
J. Everitt,	3 00	J. Purify,	1 00
W. H. Jordan & wife,	3 00	David Justice,	1 00
Richmond Watkins,	1 00	Benjamin Oliver,	1 00
J. Fooshee,	1 00	Lemuel Chesnut,	1 00
T. Meredith,	1 00	R. T. Sanders,	1 00
G. Meredith,	1 00	Susan J. Slade,	1 00
Sister Garrison,	1 00	J. N. Washington,	1 00
" Blackman,	1 00	Saml. Mims,	1 00
" Julia Sanders,	1 00	L. T. Williams,	1 00
" Thompson,	1 00	Jos. W. Creath,	1 00
" Burns,	1 00	James Carroll,	1 00
" Williams,	1 00	T. C. Garrison,	1 00
" Slocum,	1 00	D. Boon,	1 00
" McDaniel,	1 00	J. C. Nelson,	1 00
" E. S. Williams,	1 00	Dr. Stith,	75
Saml. Wait,	1 00	J. D. Carroll,	75
Alex. Williams,	1 00	J. L. Boykin,	62
John Sellers,	1 00	J. M. Lane,	50
Thomas Dallon,	1 00	Mary Pason,	50
B. Carroll,	1 00	J. O. Andrews,	50

George Russ,	50	John Fellows,	25
S. Tyrrell,	50	A. B. Stevens,	25
J. M. Fennell,	50	A Friend,	25
A. W. Bynum,	50	R. Carroll,	25
E. J. Carroll,	50	Wm. Potter,	25
Lewis DuPree,	50	A. Brown,	25
C. S. Fooshee,	50		$115 12

On motion Resolved, That the circulation of the Bible is indispensible to the salvation of the world.

On motion Resolved that for accomplishing a general distribution of the scriptures, Societies instituted for the purpose, form the most effectual instrumentality.

On motion adjourned till 1-2 after 8 o'clock on Monday morning. Prayer by Rev. R. Jacks.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. J. Culpeper.

On motion, Appointed REV. T. MEREDITH, President.

WM. H. JORDAN & S. WAIT, Vice Presidents.

DAVID WILLIAMS, Cor. Sec.

A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.

ALFRED DOCKERY, Treasurer,

On motion appointed W. H. Jordan and J. S. Mims to nominate a board of Managers, who reported the following :—Wm. H. Merritt, J. Culpeper, Senr., C. W. Skinner, Jas. McDaniel, J. J. Finch, R. McNabb, M. D. Freeman, W. White, W. Roles, G. Douglass, J. P. Cook, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, W. M. Crenshaw, John Fooshee, C. McAllister, R. T. Sanders and Wm. Potter.

On motion Resolved, That the Treasurer send forward to the Treasurer of the A. and F. B. S. the amount of funds on hand.

On motion resolved that our next meeting be held at the same place and time of the next Convention.

On motion Resolved, That these minutes be printed with the minutes of the Convention as heretofore.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Hufham.

T. MEREDITH, *Pres't.*

A. J. BATTLE, *Rec. Sec'y.*